

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-28. (Cancelled)

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) An automotive trim panel, comprising:

a light transmissive cover layer having a front surface and a rear surface,
a plurality of light pipe pipes each having a first end and a second end, and a light source, wherein said first end of each of said light pipe pipes is positioned adjacent to said rear surface of the cover layer and each of said second ~~end is~~ ends are positioned adjacent said light source wherein the cover layer further includes a foam layer, wherein ~~the said plurality of light pipe is~~ pipes are molded in the foam layer.

Claim 30. (Canceled)

Claim 31. (Currently Amended) The automotive trim panel of claim 29, wherein ~~the said plurality of light pipe is~~ pipes are inserted in an opening formed in the foam layer by a laser.

Claim 32. (Canceled)

Claim 33. (Original) The automotive trim panel of claim 29, wherein the cover layer is transparent.

Claim 34. (Currently Amended) The automotive trim panel of claim 29, wherein the plurality of light pipe is pipes are made of an acrylic polymer material.

Claim 35. (Currently Amended) The automotive trim panel of claim 29, wherein the light pipes are pipe is a fiber optic.

Claim 36. (Original) The automotive trim panel of claim 29, wherein the light source is a light emitting diode.

Claim 37. (Canceled)

Claim 38. (Original) The automotive trim panel of claim 29, further comprising a colored filter in series with the light source to change the color of the exiting light.

Claim 39-49. (Canceled)

Claim 50. (Currently Amended) A method of back lighting an automotive trim panel, comprising:

forming a light transmissive cover layer having a front surface and rear surface,
providing a plurality of light pipe pipes each having a first end and a second end, and a light source, wherein said first end of each of said light pipe pipes is positioned adjacent to said rear surface of the cover layer and said second end is positioned adjacent said light source wherein the cover layer further includes a foam layer, wherein the light pipe is molded in the foam layer.

Claim 51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~55~~ 50, wherein said cover layer has an elongation of 150%.

Claim 52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~55~~ 50, wherein said cover layer has a tensile strength of 5000 psi.

Claim 53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~55~~, 50 wherein said cover layer has a Shore Hardness between 60-100A.

Claim 54. (Canceled)